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Commissioner for Patents
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Re: U.S. Application No. 09/976,054, Filed: October 15, 2001
Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated
with Plants
Applicants: Nordine CHEIKH *et al.*
Atty. Docket: 16517.256

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S.
Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. a Request for Oral Hearing Before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences;
and
2. an Appellants' Reply Brief.

Applicants request that the following fees be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2387
referencing docket number 16517.256:

\$ <u>510.00</u>	Reply Brief fee
\$ <u>1,030.00</u>	Request for Oral Hearing fee

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary
to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby
petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees, other than the above (\$1,540.00), are due in
conjunction with this filing. However, if any additional fees are required in the present
application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby
authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387
referencing matter number 16517.256.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures